

JANUARY 3, 1823.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the whole House
to-morrow.

A BILL

To confer certain powers on the Levy Court of the County of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 the Levy Court of the County of Alexandria, in the District
4 of Columbia, shall, from and after the passing of this Act,
5 have, possess, and exercise, all the powers which the County
6 Courts of Virginia possessed and exercised on the twenty-
7 seventh day of February, eighteen hundred and one, in rela-
8 tion to the laying of the County Levies; and that the Mar-
9 shal of the District of Columbia shall collect and account for
10 the levies so laid by the Levy Court of Alexandria County,
11 aforesaid, in the same manner, and at the same time, as the
12 Sheriffs of Virginia collected and accounted for the levies
13 made by the aforesaid County Courts of Virginia, on the
14 aforesaid twenty-seventh day of February, eighteen hundred

15 and one. The Marshal of the District aforesaid, shall pay
 16 over the amount so collected to the order of the Levy Court
 17 aforesaid.

4 **SEC. 2.** *And be it further enacted,* That any seven Jus-
 2 tices of the Peace in the County of Alexandria, aforesaid, who
 3 shall be duly qualified, shall be a quorum for the transaction
 4 of all business appertaining by law to the Levy Court afore-
 5 said.

4 **SEC. 3.** *And be it further enacted,* That the aforesaid
 2 Levy Court shall, from and after the passing of this Act, have
 3 and exercise the sole power of appointing, in the month of
 4 March, annually, (or oftener, if occasion, in their opinion,
 5 should require,) as many Constables, for the County of Alex-
 6 andria, aforesaid, as they may think the public interest de-
 7 mands; and shall take bond, and good security, in a sum not
 8 less than five hundred dollars, from each of the said Consta-
 9 bles so appointed, conditioned for the faithful performance
 10 of their official duties, as now prescribed by law. The said
 11 Levy Court shall have full power, at any time, to displace
 12 any of the said Constables who shall (by proofs to be judged
 13 of by the said Levy Court) be found guilty of any official
 14 misconduct, and appoint others in their stead.

1 **SEC. 4.** *And be it further enacted,* That the Orphans'
 2 Court of the County of Alexandria, in the District aforesaid,
 3 shall, hereafter, be held at the Court House in the town of

4 Alexandria, on the first Monday in each and every month, ex-
5 cept when the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia
6 shall be in session; and in that case, the said Orphans'
7 Court shall hold their session at some public place in the
8 town aforesaid, of which public notice shall be given. The
9 said Orphans' Court shall hold its monthly session as afore-
10 said for the space of three days, provided the public business
11 shall not be sooner transacted, and no longer.

1 SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the Register of
2 Wills for the County of Alexandria, aforesaid, shall annually,
3 give bond and good security, payable to the United States, in
4 the penalty of five thousand dollars, which bond shall be con-
5 ditioned for the due and faithful performance of the duties
6 of his office, as now prescribed by law, and shall be approved
7 of by the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia.

1 SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That all acts, and parts
2 of acts, heretofore passed by the Congress of the United
3 States, inconsistent with, or repugnant to, this act, or any part
4 of the same, shall be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

1 SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall
2 commence, and be in force, from and after the passing of the
3 same.